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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 3, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the print media guide is mounted to a slanted portion of the casing so that a slanted print media contact surface of the print media guide is arranged to contract and guide the print media across the print surface for printing without making direct contact with the nozzles of the printhead integrated circuits. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 23-27 and in Fig. 3 of the present application ; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Olson, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been further amended to specifically recite the structure of the print media guide and casing of the claimed printhead assembly which enables the print media guide to guide the print media across the print surface from a position in the same plane as the print surface as is described at page 12, lines 23-27 and illustrated in Fig. 3 of the present application.

On the other hand, the nozzle shield disclosed by Silverbrook at col. 3, lines 6-10 is not disclosed as having any specific structure which guides print media over the Memjet chips 18, rather Silverbrook merely discloses at col. 3, lines 51-55 that the nozzle shield protects the nozzles from foreign particles and objects.

Further, neither the feed and output trays 28 and 32 nor the part of the inkjet printer 20 to which they are attached are disclosed by Olson as having any specific structure for media guiding, let alone being slanted as required by amended independent claim 1.

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Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook and Olson either taken alone or in combination with one another.

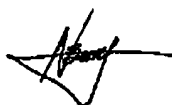
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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